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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frederick P. Hitz
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Terrorism

FROM :
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SUBJECT : 16 August 1978 Hearing by the
House Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence Subcommittee on
Evaluation on the Subject of Terrorism

1. On late afternoon of 14 August, I had a conversation with Richard Giza, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Evaluation, on the subject of the terrorism hearings which the Committee is currently holding. (Mr. Giza had been on leave for the preceding two weeks.)

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2. Mr. Giza told me that the purpose of these hearings are to enable the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to assure the other Members of Congress that the U.S. Government entities responsible for dealing with the terrorist problem are well organized and proceeding in a logical and efficient manner. The Committee's interests with regard to CIA are limited to finding out: what CIA does in the terrorist field; the degree to which CIA cooperates with other government entities; and whether any assistance should be provided by Congress to the Agency to enable it to get its job done better. In sum, the Committee's interest in CIA in the 16 August hearing is limited to informing itself of CIA's activities in the anti-terrorist field.

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3. Mr. Giza did advise me that Ambassador Quaintan, Department of State, may come in for some harsh questioning. Inasmuch as The Ambassador's statement makes reference to a CCPC study which concludes that the efforts of the U.S. Government are highly fragmented and "neither tightly organized or closely coordinated in either its collection or analytical aspects." The Committee will pursue the Ambassador on this statement and will want to find out from him what can or should be done to tighten up. None of these questions however will be addressed to CIA.

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